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SUBJECT: SHRIMP

1. DIRECTOR OF FONOFF RAW MATERIALS DIVISION HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF PROPOSAL CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO CALL A JOINT MEETING WITH COUNTRIES THAT BRAZIL HAS FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH TO DISCUSS RENEWALS AND POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS FOR SHRIMPING OPERATIONS NEXT YEAR. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WOULD BE US, BARBADOS, TRINIDAD, AND TOBAGO AND SURINAM. DIRECTOR SAID THAT, IF PROPOSAL IS APPROVED, MINISTRY WOULD WANT TO HOLD PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH USG. ONE TOPIC LIKELY TO BE COVERED WOULD BE SIZE OF POTENTIAL SHRIMP CATCH IN BRAZILIAN WATERS. HE SAID GOB HAS BEEN USING DATA SUPPLIED BY USG, BUT IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS, JAPANESE PRESENTED MUCH HIGHER FIGURES. HE SAID THAT SUDEPE, GOB FISHING AGENCY, HAS BEEN ASKED TO UNDERTAKE A NEW STUDY OF SHRIMP RESOURCES. ANOTHER POSSIBLE TOPIC WOULD BE GOB DESIRE TO PROMOTE JOINT VENTURES WITH BRAZILIAN INTERESTS.

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2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION AN OFFICIAL ON NAVAL MINISTER'S

STAFF TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT GOB AND JAPAN HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT FOR SHRIMPING OPERATIONS NEXT YEAR UNDER WHICH JAPANESE BOATS WOULD OPERATE UNDER BRAZILIAN REGISTRY AND, AS PART OF DEAL, JAPANESE WOULD ESTABLISH TWO SHRIMP PROCESSING PLANTS IN BRAZIL. EMBOFF CHECKED OUT THIS REPORT WITH FONOFF DIVISION DIRECTOR WHO SAID THAT GOB WOULD LIKE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH JAPAN BUT AS YET NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED. HE SAID GOB HAS NOT HELD ANY OFFICIAL TALKS WITH JAPAN ON SHRIMP SINCE THOSE HELD SEVERAL WEEKS AGO (BRASILIA 5389) AND THAT FURTHER TALKS WERE NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL JANUARY. HE ADDED THAT GOB WOULD PROBABLY DELAY DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN UNTIL AFTER PROPOSED MEETING WITH AGREEMENT COUNTRIES.

3. EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED REPORT FROM NAVY SOURCE THAT TWO VENEZUELAN SHRIMPERS HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPREHENDED WHILE OPERATING IN BRAZILIAN WATERS CLOSE TO SHORE. HE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH HAD APPROVED APPREHENSION WHEN BOATS WERE SIGHTED, HAD SECOND THOUGHTS AFTER THEY WERE PICKED UP AND THAT VENEZUELAN SHRIMPERS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED WITH WUJNINGG #

4. NAVAL SOURCE COMMENTED THAT BRAZILIAN NAVY IS WELL SATISFIED WITH CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION OF US-BRAZIL AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT TRANSMISSION FROM WASHINGTON OF INFORMATION ON US BOATS.
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